TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE





February 15, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a guardian ad litem to obtain a credit report and state and national criminal history background checks for a proposed fiduciary in proceedings for the appointment of a conservator and proceedings seeking the appointment of a fiduciary to manage a respondent's property.

Requires the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD), the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Arc of Tennessee, and Disability Rights Tennessee to develop an education program for conservators and update the program materials as necessary.

Requires conservators to complete the educational training developed by the aforementioned agencies within 30 days of appointment. Exempts public guardians from the educational training requirement. Effective January 1, 2020.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the TCAD, the Commission can work with the required agencies to assist in the development of the education program for conservators utilizing existing resources.
- No significant increase in the number of criminal history background checks requested is anticipated; therefore, any fiscal impact to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts; therefore, any increase in court expenditures are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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